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BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 17 YEARS IN PRISON

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Quentin Wayne Kivitter**, 29, Osage City, Kansas, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Richard D. Rogers to **seventeen years and one month in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.**

Melgren stated that Kivitter entered a guilty plea on August 5, 2003, to five counts of armed bank robbery; one count of attempted bank robbery; and one count of brandishing a firearm during a bank robbery.

Melgren said that Kivitter admitted at his plea that on October 16, 2002, he robbed the First Kansas Bank and Trust, Edgerton, Kansas, with a handgun that he brandished during the robbery. Kivitter further admitted that on October 22, 2002, he robbed the Citizens State Bank of Pomona, Pomona, Kansas; on October 22, 2002, he robbed the U.S. Bank, Silver Lake, Kansas; and on January 13, 2003, he robbed the Midwest Regional Credit Union, Lawrence, Kansas. Kivitter further admitted that on January 7, 2003, he attempted to rob the Citizen's State Bank, Burlington, Kansas, but he found the front door of the bank locked. Kivitter also admitted that on February 11, 2003, he robbed the Olpe State Bank, Olpe, Kansas, and that a bank employee with a cell phone followed Kivitter from the bank and called the police. After a short chase Kivitter was arrested by the officers.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the FBI, the Lyon County Sheriff's Department and all additional police departments and sheriff's offices involved in this investigation.

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